

**ABSTRACT**

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A  
THREADED CAP TO A THREADED NECK OF A CONTAINER**

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There is described a method of applying a threaded cap to a threaded neck of a container. The method comprises the steps of placing the cap on the neck of the container, rotating the cap relative to the neck in an opening direction  
10 whilst supporting the cap with respect to the neck; and applying the cap to the neck so as to achieve substantial thread engagement.

There is also described an applicator for applying a threaded cap to a threaded neck of a container and reverse drive mechanism for use with an  
15 applicator.